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More Roach Economy

It would be impossible to enumerate all the reasons why Secretary of State Roach should not be made governor. He is furnishing those reasons in such big chunks that the evidence is becoming cumbersome. Roach's latest economy stunt was pulled off this week, when he, as head of the printing committee, let the contract for publishing the decisions of the supreme and appellate court reports of the state for a period of six years to the E. W. Stephens Printing Company of Columbia at \$1.36 a volume when the bid of the Missouri Printing and Publishing Company of Mexico was \$1.15 a volume—21 cents less than the Columbia concern. The printing commission is composed of Secretary of State Roach, Auditor Gordan and Attorney General Barker, all candidates for office, and as the Stephens concern is considered a power in democratic politics in that part of the state it had to be taken care of.

Wilson To Blame

Leading democrats in congress having reached the point where even they, when not talking for publication, make no pretense that President Wilson is not personally to blame for the conditions which prevail in Mexico, for the robbery and murder of Americans and the outraging of their women. They admit that had the president followed up his first warning against such crimes by sending a cavalry command into Mexico to hang the murderers and then return promptly to this country, not only could intervention have been avoided but American citizenship would have been respected, even while the Mexicans were killing each other at will. Senator J. Ham Lewis, Illinois democrat, introduced a resolution empowering the president to utilize the armed forces of the United States to restore order in the Mexico, while Senator Lippitt, Rhode Island republican, introduced a resolution instructing the president to utilize the army and navy "for protection of American lives and property in Mexico." After a heated debate, the republicans withdrew their opposition to the reference of these resolutions to a committee. On August 27, 1913, President Wilson publicly said, "We should let everyone who assumes to exercise authority in any part of Mexico know in the most unequivocal way that we shall vigilantly watch the fortunes of those Americans who cannot get away, and shall hold those responsible for their sufferings and losses to a definite reckoning. That can be and will be made plain beyond the possibility of a misunderstanding." And, as the democrats are now compelled shamefacedly to admit, Mr. Wilson has spent the two and a half years, which have intervened, demonstrating the hollowness of his words and that he was merely bluffing.

Living Up To Prohibition

Long lists might be given of breweries, distilleries and other liquor places, wholesale and retail, which have been transformed into centers of bigger and better business by prohibition. Empty buildings and jobless bartenders are conspicuous exceptions to the rule in the newly dry states. Drink factories and dramshops are being converted into industrial concerns

which employ a greater number of men than did the alcoholic beverage traffic in its palmiest days. For example, the Reymann brewery, Wheeling, West Virginia, employed 87 men; the packing plant which takes its place employs 136. Other breweries have become manufacturing for soap, ice, milk products, soft drinks, etc. One at least is being utilized as a "movie" studio, and one was bought and is being remodeled for a church. Distillers have been turned into canneries and into plants for the production of necessities and luxuries for which under prohibition there will be increasing demand.

In buildings once occupied by saloons there may be seen today in these dry states, jewelry stores, groceries, men's and women's furnishing shops confectioneries, restaurants, moving pictures places—all doing a thriving business. Saloonkeepers are going into more reputable lines of trade, thus bringing more satisfaction and self-respect to themselves and more happiness to their families.

Separator or Crocks?

"The farmer who uses a cream separator obtains as much milk from four cows as is obtained from five cows where cream is raised in a pan," says C. H. Eckles of the Missouri college of agriculture. The separator method gets 25 per cent more cream from the milk and this will pay for a separator in a year in a dairy herd of ten or more cows. As the cream is separated while fresh and sweet, ripening can be controlled and butter of much better grade can be secured than if the cream is raised by gravity. The use of a separator lightens the work for the housewife. The machine is kept in a small room adjoining the barn and only the separator parts are brought from the house. These instead of numerous pans and crocks are returned to the kitchen for washing after the fresh skim milk has been fed to the calves and pigs.

A well made separator will last for years, in spite of the fact that it is put into service twice a day. The separator should run from four to six years without repairs, if reasonable care is used.

Lozier Strong in Monroe County

Congressman Rucker spent Tuesday in Paris. He came down from Madison, where he had been feeling the public pulse on the postmaster question. His decision will not be announced at once. The choice, it is understood, will fall either to Editor Clyde Eubank or Mr. John S. Atterbury, both of whom have strong backing and either of whom would make a first class official. No matter who is appointed, the prediction is being made that the Madison precinct will return a majority against Judge Rucker, many of his former supporters considering Ralph Lozier the abler man of the two while others will vote against him because they are opposed to life tenure in office. The judge had only fifty majority in the county last time, carrying only five out of the twenty-three precincts. From present prospects he will be defeated by, fully a thousand majority next August. He has been holding office thirty years and has grown rich in the the public service. Since he defeated a Monroe county man who was asking for a second term the salary of the office has been increased to \$7,500 a year, with extras.—Paris Appeal, (Democratic.)

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